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SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTES

The September 27 meeting of the Society featured Mr. Bruce Hubbard, a GSWC member from Ypsilanti speaking about "Where There's a Will There's a Genealogical Way". Mr. Hubbard, who is a lawyer, kept our pencils and minds busy as he covered in detail the types of probate records from which genealogical information may be gleaned.

The Dexter Area Historical Society Museum was the site of our October 25 meeting. Members had an opportunity to view the museum and through a slide show presented by Nina Rackham and Lorraine Govaere to learn something of the history of the museum as well as some of the contents. Nancy Van Blaricum spoke of the genealogical resources and projects of the DAHS. Lydia and Ralph Muncy concluded the program with a discussion of museum resources in general. (The Muncys have a great deal of specific information from certain museums in and around Michigan.)

At the business meeting of December 5 the Society approved the proposed budget. The various interest groups each held question and answer sessions. This informal exchange of information seemed to be very popular.

From the Educational Chairman, Polly Bender. "Don't overlook the current and near current articles offered in periodicals. Those who are following research in Connecticut will be interested in the September, 1980 issue of the Connecticut Nutmegger. The article "Some Connecticut Sources" describes 20 or so available sources and where you can find them. In the same issue another article entitled "Some Genealogical Research in New York State" mentions a half dozen or so libraries where the staff are courteous, willing and helpful in locating needed materials. For those doing German research both here and abroad look for lists of immigrant ancestors as well as other "goodies" in the Palatine Immigrant. "Palatine's to America", the society publishing this quarterly is an organization dedicated to finding the origins of German-speaking immigrant ancestors in Europe. Addresses of the above:

The Connecticut Nutmegger, pub. by the Connecticut Society of
Genealogists, Inc. P.O.Box 435, Glastonbury, Conn. 06033.
The Palatine Immigrant, pub. by the Palatines to America,
9709 Newcastle Road, Lafayette, IN 47905

Our Coming Meetings

(The February meeting will give us the opportunity to hear Sadie Garner of Ypsilanti speak on"Black Man's History".) ? who is she?

In March, Mr. Benedict Markowski, an archivist at Burton Historical Collections and also vice-president for the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan will speak about Polish genealogy.

Our own vice-president and his wife, Bob and Luella Lutz, will tell us in April about their own luck and good fortune in searching for Danish ancestors.

Mark the 4th Sunday of each month on your calendar and plan to come to these meetings and bring a friend, too.

Other Opportunities

A free workshop will be sponsored on Saturday, January 30, 1982 by the Michigan Oral History Council at the Turner Dodge House in Lansing, MI.

The Saginaw Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on German Research with Dr. Ward on April 24, 1982.

The Pontiac Historical and Genealogical Society will sponsor a Canadian Research workshop in March featuring Mrs. Joy Reisinger, who publishes the helpful "Lost in Canada" magazine.

April 13, 1982 will find the New England Historic and Genealogical Society holding a local and family history seminar at the U.Of M. Michigan League in Ann Arbor. Dr. James B. Bell and David C. Dearborn will deliver four sessions: Military Records, Civil Court Records, Church Records in the British Isles and Compiling Your Research and Writing Your Family's History.

Corrections to our membership list.

17. Gwen R. Bourn, telephone: (313) 231-1957
39. Lynn Davidge, new address: 4551 N. Maple Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105
112. Mrs. Ragene Rowland, new address: 2432 Kenilworth Rd. Apt # 5,
Cleveland Heights OH 44106.

Our Contributors. Carole Callard, a former president of our Society, became interested in genealogy in 1974 when she was handed some family history and realized that more must be added to complete the story for her two daughters. Carole and her husband are both librarians- she in the Ann Arbor Public Library and he with the University. Besides looking for ancestors in Virginia and West Virginia, Carole is searching for some Irish Ancestors. Bobby Snow, our Society librarian is the Chief Circulation Librarian at the U.of M. Law Library. She reports that there is a wealth of information in the early court records but, infortunately, this is not easy to get at because there are no indexes. She sees project possibilities for our Society in this area. One of our founders, and a past president, Lydia Muncy has given us the second part of a history of Washtenaw County. Her interest in local history began in her childhood and led to a major in history. As a charter member of the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission she was instrumental in founding the oral history project. Her dream is to see this project further developed. The material contributed by Jim Parker is but a mere taste of the research and writing he has done on Webster Township. Jim grew up in Wayne, Michigan, is a graduate of the U.of M. and is employed with Ford at Wixom. As the (4th generation) genealogist of his family it was easy for him to become interested in beautiful Webster where he has lived for about 15 years. He is the driving force behind the newly organized Webster Township Historical Society. We thank him for his generous gift of material to the GSWC files and look forward to celebrating with him and the WTHS the township sesquicentennial in 1983.

... The National Archives is no longer lending census microfilms through interlibrary loan.

... The Newberry Library in Chicago will be closed to readers from February through April, 1982. A new bookstack building is being erected and renovation work will be done on the main building. Call or write before going. (312) 943-9090.

... Our new member, Mrs. Ruth Bush of Neosho, MO has given us a copy of Vol.1, No.1 "Grin & Barrett", a 12 page family newspaper. Martha C. Dewey was born in York Twp., Washtenaw County. After her marriage to David F. Barrett at Blissfield on December 11, 1862 she lived the rest of her life in Lenawee County, Mich. This newspaper is full of news and pictures and we hope it marks the beginning for an enduring family association.

Members, you too can write up your family history. For starters, sharpen your pencils and write something to contribute to the FHC. Don't be bashful. The Ed.

A HISTORY OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

Part II

By Lydia Muncy

Early Immigrants and Their Churches

The Germans- The first German settlers, Jonathan Mann, David Allmindinger, Philip Schilling and Conrad Bissinger came to Washtenaw County in 1829 and 1830.[1] They and others who soon followed, hampered by a foreign tongue and lonely in an alien land, soon wished for the security of their church. Mann wrote to the seminary in Basal, Switzerland, asking for a minister. Frederick Schmidt, a young man, was sent to minister to this group. They established a church and built a structure on land given by David Allmindinger. The first service was held in December, 1833. The site is now part of Bethlehem Cemetery. As the number of German settlers grew, Father Schmidt visited them and over the years organized a number of congregations, Bethel, St. Thomas and St. Johns of Northfield being among them.

The German churches continued to use the German language until World War I. Some did not convert entirely to English until after 1940.

Most German immigrants came with enough money to buy a farm. Land was sold by the government at $1.25 an acre. They were hard working, frugal people and they proved to be good farmers.

This wave of German immigrants continued all through the 1830s. Christian Eberbach, a man more interested in business than farming, came in this group. There were other waves of German migration and from this stock came many of the business leaders of the county.

The Irish- The Irish came to the county in the late 1820s and 1830s. While the Germans settled largely south and west of Ann Arbor, the Irish went north into what was to become Northfield Township. Judge O'Brien, speaking before the Washtenaw County Historical Society in 1965, described the abject poverty from which most of the Irish came. He said, "They too felt the need of a church and soon built a log structure where the rectory of St. Patricks now stands. Later they constructed the brick church with its slender spire. This is the oldest English speaking Catholic congregation in Michigan."[2]

Other Denominations- The Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Episcopalians formed congregations in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in the 1820s.[3] The Catholics were served by a priest from Detroit until Father Cullen was assigned to the congregation. A rift in the Presbyterian membership over the question of slavery caused some to leave that church and form the Congregational Church in 1846.

A group of settlers from New York State, all being members of the local Presbyterian church, withdrew their membership as a group, traveled together to Saline to make their home, and there reestablished their church.

Early Education

Education for their children was an objective of almost all of the settlers. As soon as there were enough families with children in an area, a school was established. The "district" school was ungraded. Pupils attended only until the family felt they had acquired enough learning, or until they were needed at home.

Julius Haab, County School Superintendent in Washtenaw County, said in 1943, "When the people of the Stone District in 1825 could not even wait until the first log school was constructed, they hired a teacher to carry on classes under some giant oak trees."[4]

There were usually two terms of school- winter taught by a man and summer taught by a woman. During the summer term the older boys were absent, working on the farm. During the winter they could attend school. It was not unusual to have "boys" of twenty attending and frequently doing more to "run the teacher out" than to acquire learning. Schools were usually log buildings, heated at first by a fireplace, with log benches along the side. There were few books and much of the learning consisted of repeating lessons in unison. Teachers often had little more education than many of their students. There were no public high schools in the early years.

The University of Michigan was established in Detroit as the Catholepistemial in 1817 by Judge Woodward, Father Gabriel Richard and John Monteith. There were few young people in the territory at that time qualified to enter, so the University enrolled few students in its years in Detroit.[5] In 1837, when the University was moved to Ann Arbor, the University Regents established a number of preparatory schools throughout the state. Only one was in Washtenaw County. That one was in Ypsilanti. In a few years these schools were discontinued for financial reasons but they were the basis of our high schools.

Detroit, which had a number of district schools, was allowed by the state legislature to combine these districts into a "union school" which soon became a graded school and continued work beyond the level taught in the one room school.

As communities grew, the practice of combining districts into a union school was followed throughout Washtenaw County. At one time there were more than 125 one-room schools in the county. They have now all been consolidated with nearby community schools.

Several of the German congregations maintained schools in which emphasis was laid on German language and their religious beliefs. These were largely discontinued during World War I.

The Catholic Church established several parochial schools. The first school was St. Thomas, established in 1868 in Ann Arbor.

The presence of the University of Michigan in Washtenaw County has had a marked effect both culturally and financially.

As the population grew the need for teachers in the ever increasing number of schools grew as well. By 1852 the problem had become serious, so a Normal College was established at Ypsilanti. This is the oldest teachers college west of the Alleghenies. In the 20th century it became Eastern Michigan University.

The Coming of the Railroads

It took days to travel to Detroit for supplies in 1830. The settlers were very enthusiastic when in 1834 there was talk of a railroad line crossing the state.[6] The Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad, as it was first known, completed the line to Ypsilanti in 1838. There was a great celebration in that city when the first train bearing the governor pulled in. On the return trip the engine refused to run beyond Dearbornville and the entire train had to be pulled back to Detroit by horses.

The route was completed to Ann Arbor in 1839 and to Chicago in 1852.
This became the Michigan Central, then the New York Central, Penn Central and now Amtrak.

A railway line was completed later from Detroit to Lansing going through Salem in the northeast part of the county.

For years it was felt there should be a north-south line across the county. After many financial trials, a line was built from Toledo through Ann Arbor to Cadillac and Frankfort. At first it went northeast out of Ann Arbor through South Lyon and then it veered westerly to Whitmore Lake. The route was later changed to go more directly to Whitmore Lake, cutting off Emory, Worden and South Lyon. From 1878 until the automobile became commonplace, this line gave access to the lake country around Whitmore Lake for people in Ann Arbor and Toledo. In summer excursions were run. In winter people cut ice on Whitmore Lake to be shipped in summer to Toledo to cool their food.

In 1836 a line was built connecting Tecumseh in Lenawee County with Jackson running through Manchester. In 1870 the Detroit, Hillsdale and Indiana was constructed through Manchester. These lines serving Manchester carried out of the county vast amounts of grain, wool and meat over the years.

Fugitive Slaves in Michigan

Slavery had never been a part of the economic structure of Michigan. The general sentiment was one of sympathy toward the slave. Many of the fugitive slaves who traveled the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada, crossed the Detroit River at Detroit in Wayne County. Undoubtedly, one of the routes must have gone through Washtenaw County, the first county west of Wayne County. Stories abound of the houses, barns and woods which were stations along the Railway, but few have been established as fact.

Population Growth and Life Styles

By 1833 there were settlers in every township in Washtenaw County and practically all government land had been "taken up." In 1837, fourteen years after the settlement of Woodruffs Grove, there were 21, 817 people in the county, an almost unbelievable growth. Between 1827 and 1860 the growth was somewhat slower but more than another fourteen thousand people were added to the population.

These people had cleared the land, built homes, constructed mills and roads, established schools and colleges. The farms raised wheat, barley, oats, rye, corn, buckwheat and flax in ever increasing quantities. Maple sugar and dairy items were produced. Southwestern Washtenaw County had become important for both meat and wool.

Many changes took place as time went on. Oxen had been very useful in clearing the land but were gradually replaced by horses. Wolves and bear had moved farther away from human habitation. Log cabins gave way to more pretentious homes, often heated by cast iron stoves instead of fireplaces. Candles were replaced by "coal oil" lamps. Wool, though still carded and spun at home, was often woven into cloth at local woolen mills.

Most farms had small orchards yielding apples to be stored for winter use. Whether you lived on a farm or "in town", you had a vegetable garden which supplied food for the summer table as well as some to dry or store in the root cellar. Farm wood lots produced fuel for homes, public buildings and trains.

If you lived in one of the villages, you might work at a flouring mill, the largest manufacturing enterprise of the time, or at a sawmill. Coopers were kept busy making wooden barrels for flour. Many blacksmiths were needed as were carriage and wagon makers. There were tanneries and harness makers. Tin shops made items for builders as well as pots and pans for housewives. Boots and shoes were made locally and there were tailors in most villages. Breweries used some of the local grain in their product. There were two factories near Ypsilanti making wrapping paper. Each village developed retail stores to serve both town and country customers. Post offices were welcome additions in the villages. Ann Arbor had a newspaper.

At the onset of the Civil War Washtenaw was no longer a pioneer county.

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WILLIAMS FAMILY CEMETERY

ALSO KNOWN AS COTTONWOOD FARM CEMETERY

This small family cemetery is located on Farrell Road just west of Webster Corners at 4580 Farrell Road in Section 27, Webster Township. The farm now owned by Mrs. Walter (May) Mast, is known as "Cottonwood Farm". The plot is in the extreme northwest corner of the yard and is unfenced. Many of the stones are damaged.

Williams Maria D. Stowell, wife of Spencer.
d Aug 9, 1868 age 62, b Apr 25, 1806

Maria, daughter, no stone, died March 1834, a young woman in a Pontiac institution.

Osbert. b Nov 24, 1831 d 1910:
Sarah E., wife of Osbert d May 6, 1891 age 48

Spencer. d July 12, 1868, age 62, son of John & Lydia

Spencer & Ada, twins. b Aug 16, 1873, children of Osbert & Sarah E. died ca 2 years

4 small markers: " In memory of Majestic Williams"
" In memory of Malvina A. Williams"
" In memory of Jeremiah Williams"
" In memory of Edwin Williams"

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS

By J.B. Parker

The Webster Township Historical Society, newly formed just one year ago, has been most active promoting many community activities and projects. A quick run-down of these activities includes the following:

-The Webster Fall Festival, held the 1st weekend of October, was jointly sponsored with the Webster Church. More than 40 exhibitors, Country Store and Bake Sale, and a Pig Roast which served 450 people were some of the highlights. The 2nd annual Fall Festival will be held again this year.

-Webster Architectural and Landscape Survey. Conducted under the leadership of Professors from the U. of M. and EMU, several graduate students traveled throughout the township, and completed reports last June recommending various projects- Historic Districts, Scenic Roads, Landscape design and natural preservation projects are underway.

- Historical Research has continued to build a fine collection of background data. On file are numerous maps, genealogies, family histories, school histories and records, extensive material concerning the Webster Church as well as a Methodist Church that existed at one time, photographs, letters, and memorabilia. A number of items have been donated to the Society in anticipation of a Museum.

-A complete updated listing of all Webster Cemeteries(6) was completed in December.

-Numerous articles concerning the Township history have been published in the local Dexter Leader, and a Pamphlet was prepared last spring which provides a guide to each of the historic and scenic sites in the Township.

The Society is also planning some other projects for the coming year:

-A joint landscape, historic district plan for Webster Corners in conjunction with the Church which owns much of the property involved.

- Renovation of an historic (c. 1840) blacksmith shop and buggy maker shop.

-Preparation of the draft of an extensive Township History, in preparation for the forthcoming Sesquicentennial in 1983. (The Church is also working on a companion volumn dealing with the Church history for its Sesquicentennial in 1984.)

Concerning the character of the Township itself, anyone who has visited in Webster is aware of the New England style charm and rural atmosphere. There are no major highways, businesses, railroads in Webster. The northern half of the township (north of N. Territorial) is generally rolling, wooded, with lakes, swamps, and very scenic narrow roads. Few active farms remain in the area, with a number of new homes being erected on 5, 10 or 20 acre plots. The southern end of the township retains most of its large farms, although these are in jeopardy. The land is rather flat, rich, and contains the historic Webster Corners, the Township Hall and other points of attraction. The Webster Church, built in 1834, is the oldest in Washtenaw county, and is recognized on the State Register of Historic Places. Cottonwood farm nearby contains a lovely Greek Revival home which was the site of the formation of the Township in 1833 in the then owned home of John Williams. Other points of interest are the Boyden "Zeeb" Brookwater farm on Joy Rd., Gordon Hall, home of Samuel Dexter, 1842, just west of Dexter, the Scadin Centennial Farm and Cemetery just north of the church, the Church Community House, where square dances and other events are held regularly, 6 old one-room school houses in various parts of the township, Boy Scout Camp Newkirk on Huron River Drive, portions of Hudson Mills Metro Park, Independence Lake Park, and many other fine old homes representative of every major architectural style. Portions of the Loch Alpine Subdivision are on the south. The township is bordered on the east by Maple Rd., on the west by Huron River Drive, on the south by Joy Rd., and on the north by Livingston County. Less than 3000 people live here. Most of the township is served by Dexter Schools, but pupils on the east attend Ann Arbor Schools.

Webster citizens are self-governing. The Township Board meets regularly in the old (1871) Township Hall on Gregory Rd.- this building is the 5th oldest in the State. Republican by tradition, the governing board can be characterized as conservative, but responsive to the needs of a growing community. An active Planning Commission also serves the Public. Most of the early township settlers came from New England and New York- most were of English/Scotch/Welsh background, and Protestant(Presbyterian/Congregational). However, a rich mixture of other Ethnic, National and Religious groups also live here, primarily Germans, and Irish Catholics. The descendants of many of the pioneer families live in the area, but movement in and out of the township is continuing.

The Webster Township Historical Society meets the 1st Monday evening of each month, at 7:45 P.M., generally in the Community House, at the corner of Webster Church and Farrell Rds. The meetings include an informative and interesting program; visitors and new members are welcome. For information, write to 5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Mich. 48130, or phone 426-5115 or 426-4839.

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COOLEY FAMILY CEMETERY

ALSO KNOWN AS THE SCULLY CEMETERY

Located in Section 10, Webster Township, on Valentine Raod, just east of Scully Road, the cemetery is privately owned. No markers are standing. The Stephen Scully farm was once owned by Russell Cooley and by his son-in-law Averill Burnett.

Cooley	Russell. d 1843, age 62 yrs., 5 mos. (Native of Mass)
Cooley	Clarissa. d 1835 (Dec. 22) age 20.
Burnett	Anna S. Cooley. b Mass. Oct 18, 1823 d May 19, 1859 daughter of Ressell & Betsey Cooley, wife of Averill Burnett)
Burnett	Rosalie Adelle. b April 18, 1847 d April 22, 1859
Burnett	Laura Jerusha. b Oct 2, 1851 d April 23, 1859
Burnett	Charles Cooley. b June 4, 1858 d Oct 14, 1858

SOME SOURCES FOR WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

By J.B.Parker

CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

Six cemeteries are found in the township: Cooley, Scadin, Thomas/Lowe, Webster Church, John Williams, Williams Family.DAR records,(c. 1960 and earlier) are incomplete, but are found in the Burton Historical Collection , Detroit Public Library; the Michigan Historical Collection , Bentley Library, U. of Mich., Ann Arbor; the Ann Arbor Public Library; GSWC Library.The most complete compilation (which includes data from earlier sources) is 1981. Copies are on file at the GSWC, WTHS (Webster Township Historical Society), Dexter Museum, and copies are being provided to the Ann Arbor Public Library, the Bentley and Burton libraries. This record also includes some biographical data, maps and other pertinent history.

CHURCH RECORDS

- Webster((Congregational/Presbyterian/United Church of Christ) Church Records; Webster Township, Wash. Co., box of original records in the Bentley Historical Library; 5 original record books, containing some births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, memberships, cemetery data from 1833-1962, incomplete. The 5 books have been microfilmed- copies at the Bentley and WTHS; facsimile bound books (exact copies) at the WTHS. Many other church reports in this file box; i.e., includes J.D. Williams handwritten township history. Contents index at the Bentley, WTHS and GSWC.
- Webster Church records since 1962 are at the Church/Clerk's house. The Church owns a number of fine old photographs which are displayed in the sanctuary.
- Webster Church and Scadin Family Cemetery:Map and reference listing available for groups or individuals to use at the Church Office(Phone 426-5115).
- Webster Methodist Church.Some records at the Shipman Library, Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., 49221, Rev. Mr. Ronald Brunger, Archivist. These have been collected and a fine summary published: copy at the GSWC and WTHS.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Note: Mrs. Nancy Van Blaricum is the official genealogist for the Dexter Area Historical Scociety and maintains a complete file for the Dexter Area, including Webster, at the Dexter Area Museum.

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An Abstract of an Early Washtenaw County Court Case From Michigan Chancery Reports 1836-42 (Harrington)

Abstracted by Barbara Snow

Norton R. Ramsdell and others v. Jesse Millerd and others
Jesse Millerd and others v. Norton R. Ramsdell and others (cross bill)

The original bill in this case was filed in June, 1837, by Salmon H. Matthews. In July, following, a cross bill was filed by Millerd... subsequent(ly)...Matthews died, and the suits were...continued by...Norton R. Ramsdell and Asa Williams, administrators, and Arabella Matthews, administratix...In...1835, Matthews and Edwin Bond...entered into a copartnership with Millerd...Jesse Millerd, late of Auburn, N.Y. and Salmon H. Matthews and Edwin Bond, of Dexter village...Matthews and Bond now own in the village of Dexter, a grist mill, and saw mill and tavern stand...about five acres of land...deed executed by Samuel W. Dexter...1834...In...1836 a contract was made by Millerd and Matthews in the name of the firm with one J(ulius) Ranney to sell him a village lot for a tannery...In January, 1836, Millerd had occassion to go to...New York after his family...Bond died in April or May, 1836...Bond left certain heirs...In 1836, Matthews left Dexter to go to Massachusetts for the purpose of buying out the heirs... Matthews claims that...he is entitled...founded on the following deeds and releases: From Richard Bond and wife, from S.W. Dexter and wife, from J. Carrier and wife, from Q. Hitchcock and wife, from A. Williams and wife, from Hannah Bond... Russell Cooley is guardian of certain heirs named, who are minors...Soon after Bond's death, his brother King E. Bond died(intestate) leaving his wife and two children heirs...1837 Matthews was taken ill...testimony of C.D. Millerd, confirmed by that of John Williams...testimony of Cyrus Loomis... testimony of B. King...the testimony relates only to the shares of the heirs residing in Massachusetts, while several others were resident in the immediate vicinity of Dexter...

CAN AN INTEREST GROUP DO SOMETHING FOR YOU?

By Carole Callard

The purpose of an Interest Group is to provide a forum for those members interested in a particular geographical area to meet together and to share books, ideas, experience and information on searching the area for ancestors.

The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County has been experimenting with Interest Groups for two years. New York, New England, Germany, and Pennsylvania Groups have met. Washtenaw County, Virginia, and Canada have been proposed.

Each year the GSWC leaves one general meeting open for "Show and Tell" or "Questions and Answers", so that members can actively participate in the meeting. This December the open meeting was devoted to Interest Groups. Each Interest Group met for a half-hour and then broke, so that participants could either stay in the same group or pick another group for the next half-hour.

The December meeting was the first(recently) for an Ohio-Indiana Group which was chaired by Trudy Potter. It was also the first meeting for a Canadian Group with widespread interests chaired by Bob Anderson.

Also meeting for the first time was a group for those members interested in searching Virginia-West Virginia area. Many valuable exchanges were made in the time allotted. The Va.-W. Va Group was chaired by C. Callard. Other members were Betty Brandt, Barbara Bryant, Ralph Muncy, William Potter, Janet Smith, Shirley Stevens, and Ruth Whitaker.

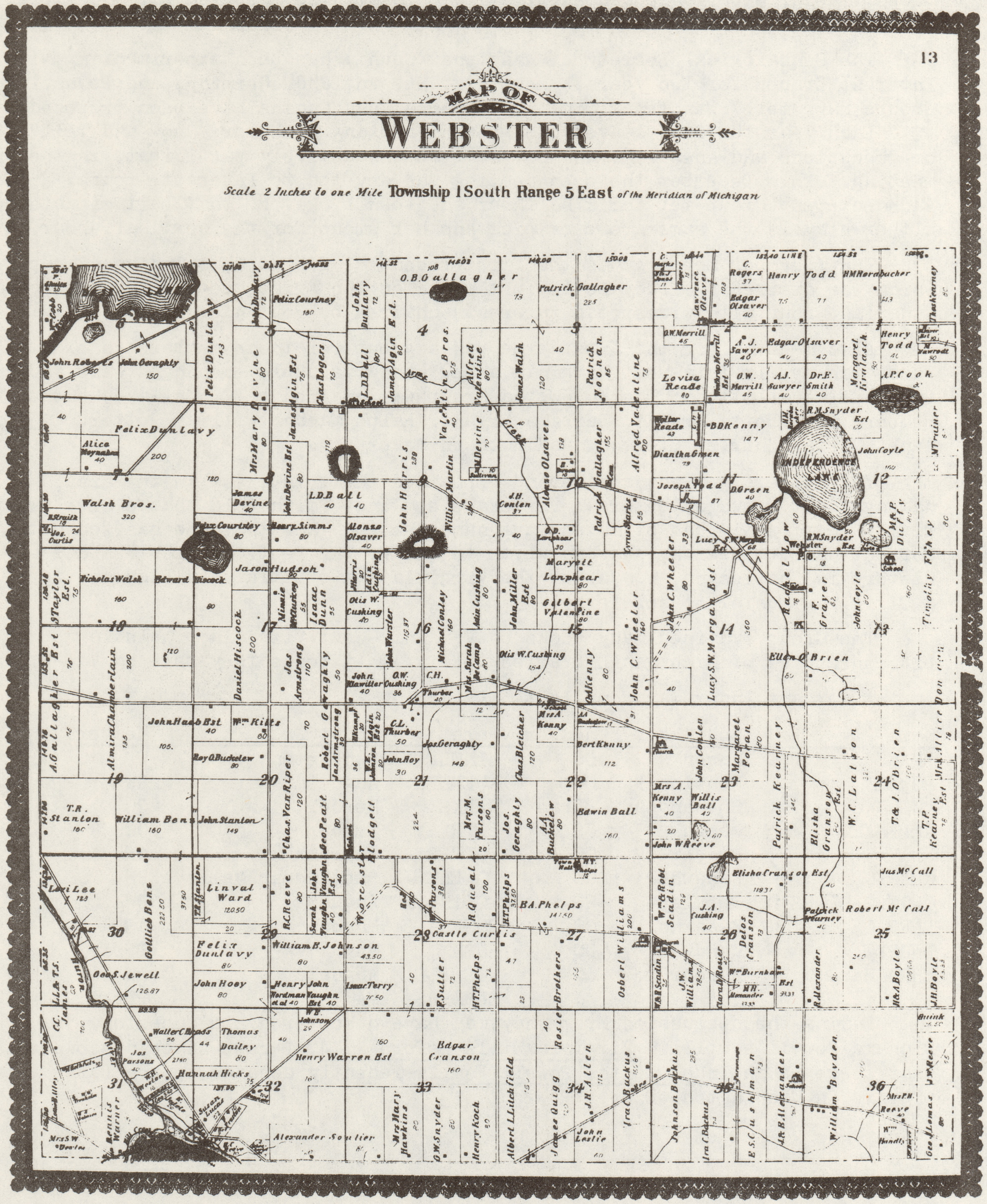
The members got acquainted and explained their interest in the area, naming their known ancestors. For example, Janet Smith told that a Civil War rift in her family had climaxed in a name change. Now that she has found the correct name to search, she can write to the W. Va. Dept. of Archives and History in Charleston, W. Va. or the Virginia State Library in Richmond for a Civil War roster of soldiers.

The Group examined many books on Virginia-West Virginia, including bibliographies of Michigan Libraries telling what books they have on Va.-W. Va.

A Surname Index was compiled:

Name	County	Member	Name	County	Member
BLAGG	Mason	CC	HINKLE	Pendleton	WP
BOWDEN	Henrico	CC	KUEBLER	Augusta	RW
BUSHONG	Shenandoah	BBran	MARKS	Mercer	CC
CAPEHART	Mason	JS	PETRY	Mercer	CC
CLAY	Mercer	CC	POTTER	Fairfax	WP
CRAWFORD	Kanawha	CC	POWELL	Shenandoah Valley	RM
CRUZEN-KROESEN	Berkley	SS	ROBINSON	Augusta	RW
DARRAGH	Kanawha	CC	ROGERS	Mason	JS
DRURY	Kanawha	CC	RUSH	VA	BBran
FRENCH	Mercer	CC	RUSSELL	Augusta	RW
			SUMMERS	VA	BBran

During the discussion Mr. Muncy may have discovered his ancestor, Richard Powell's will in Virginia Wills Before 1774. I have since discovered that there is an Index to the Powell Family recently donated to the Dar Library in Washington, D.C.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Felix Courtney
Felix Dunlavy
John Roberts
John Geraghty
Walsh Bros.
Nicholas Walsh
Edward Hiscock
Daniel Hiscock
L.D. Ball
Jason Hudson
John Harris
Alfred Valentine
Lovisa Reade
B.D. Kenny
Joseph Todd
A.P. Cook
R.M. Snyder Est
Maryett Lanphear
Gilbert Valentine
John C. Wheeler
Lucy S.W. Morgan Est.
Ellen O'Brien
Timothy Fohey
Almira Chamberlain
John Haab Est
Wm. Kilts
Roy O. Buckelew
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Bert Kenny
Margaret Fohan
Patrick Kearney
W.C. Latson
T.R. Stanton
William Bens
John Stanton
Edwin Ball
John W. Reeve
Elisha Cranson Est
Jas. McCall
Robert McCall
Levi Lee
Linval Ward
Castle Curtis
B.A. Phelps
Osbert Williams
Geo. S. Jewell
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GEO. A. OGLE & CO. 1895

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THOMAS AND LOWE FAMILY CEMETERY

The Thomas and Lowe Family Cemetery is located on the north side of Valentine Road, 0.2 mile west of Jennings Road, in the northeast corner of Section 14 of Webster Township, on a farm settled in 1830 by Nathan Thomas. Data was taken from a survey performed by the DAR and in 1981 by the Webster Township Historical Society. A map prepared by J.B.Parker and a separate genealogical history of the family is available from the Society. Mrs. Altrude Thurber Haworth provided much of the information and location of the unmarked graves.

Row 1
1) Vivian Cobb Street, b Feb 12, 1917, unmarked
2) Thomas W. Cobb, Michigan CPL. 56 Am. TN. CAC
   b June 26, 1892 d Jan 26, 1944 American Legion
3) Gertrude Laura Thurber Cobb, b Aug 17, 1889, unmarked
4) Mary Houghton Thurber, b Aug 26, 1829 d Sep 11, 1913, unmarked

Row 2
5) Rachel F. Lowe, 1900-1971
6) George William Lowe, 1898-1912
7) Jessie E. Lowe, 1867-1904
8) Janet D. Thurber, 1879-1939
8a.) N.T. (small, loose stone) probably Nathan Thomas d 1857
8b) Nathan R. Lowe , unmarked
9) Willie C. Thurber, aged 4 mos.
10) Laura E. Thurber, 1865-1931; Corydon L., 1863-1939

Row 3
11) Abigail Ann Lowe, 1851-1936
12) Lowe Family Granite Marker
13) Thomas Family Marble Marker:
   Lydia, wife of Nathan, d June 9, 1877 aged 70yrs.,8 mos., 28days
   Nathan, d Nov 16, 1857 aged 55 yrs., 8 mos., 28 days
14) Frank Thomas, 1875-1934 , unmarked
15) E.T. (loose small stone marker)

Row 4
16) Rachel Lowe, unmarked
17) William Lowe, b 1832 d 1884

Row 4a
18) Abigail, daughter of Nathan & Lydia Thomas
   d Jan 23, 1836, age 2
19) Ebenezer, son of Nathan & Lydia Thomas
   d Sep 17, 1846, age 7 mos.
20) Smith Harford, son of Nathan & Lydia Thomas
   d July 3, 1854, age 14
21) Henry, son of Nathan & Lydia Thomas
   d Oct 22, 1838, age 7 mos. (loose stone)

Row 5
22) (loose unmarked stone)
23) S.T. (small footstone) probably Sarah Thomas, daughter of
   Nathan & Lydia Thomas, d Sep 14, 1843, age 8 mos.
24) L.T. (small loose stone) probably Lydia Thomas marker.
25) ? T. (small footstone)
26) Rebecca L., daughter of Wm.& Rachel Lowe, d May 25, 1862
   age 1 yr, 11 mos. (also footstone)

Row 5 cont.
27) Lydia E. daughter of Wm. & Rachel Lowe, d Sep 26, 1858 age 3 yrs, 11 mos., 26 days. (Also footstone)
28) ____________Lowe. (loose)
29) (Broken, unmarked slab/marker)
30) S.H.T. (footstone) (Smith Harford Thomas)

Row 6
31) Lewis, son of Wm. B. (or W.& B.) Sheffer, d Sep 1, 1868, aged 7 weeks (also footstone)

Row 7
32) Infant, W. & R. Lowe

Others in earlier DAR record(James), but marker not located:
33) James, son of Nathan& Lydia Thomas, d April 7, 1848, age 16
34) Daniel Thomas, who d about 1916, in 1851 was elected to the State Legislature, moved to AnnArbor in 1873, where he died.

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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS IN WEBSTER

The history of the Webster Congregational/ Presbyterian/ United Church of Christ is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. A great many original records of this church are available at present.

From the Dexter Area Sesquicentennial a little of the history of the Methodist Society is gleaned. As early "as 1828...the Reverend Benjamin Cooper preached occasionally at the home of Charles Stark." Other early preachers were the Reverends Leonard B. Gurley, Henry Colclazer, Elizah H. Pilcher and Ezekiel Gavitt. Active in the early days were residents Israel Arms, Charles Stark, Mr. Shepard, Frederick Parsons, William Latson, Gideon Pease, William Steadman, Moses Gleason and Robert M. Snyder. Apparently no church records have been found. A brief church history summary prepared by the Reverend A. Brunger, archivist at Adrian College Library, brings together all of the information known at present. He describes the various circuits and preachers of the early days. As the result of a disagreement the Society was dismembered about 1843. Shortly after a reorganization in 1862 a structure was erected just 1¼ miles from the Congregational Church. The Methodist Society was served by various circuits until sometime in the 1920s when the building was sold.

In a hand written letter found at Bentley Library, Mr. J.D. Williams describes an effort made by the Baptists and Methodists. This fellowship did not last too long. According to Mr. Williams the Baptist Society continued only about five years. Some Webster residents who were members were Deacon Nathan Thomas and his brother David Thomas and their families. From Northfield Township came Mr. Bennett, Mr. Cole, Samuel Terry, Mr. Kellogg and L.T. Waldron. The Reverend Mr. Tupper and the Reverend Mr. Keyes were prime movers of this organization. No records have been found to date.

As early as 1830 the Irish in Northfield were visited by Father Patrick O'Kelly. By 1831 a log building was erected. The parish, first called St. Bridgets,is now known as St. Patricks. Doubtless many of the early CAtholic residents of Webster attended church there or later in Dexter village. A pamphlet to celebrate their 1981 sesquicentennial is in progress.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY OF WEBSTER

The Webster Church was first organized as the"First Congregational Society of the town of Webster" at the home of Moses Kingsley on September 18, 1833. Three trustees were chosen with their terms determined by lot: Thomas Barber for three years, John Williams for two years, and Russell Cooley for one year. Moses Kingsley was chosen Clerk of the Society, George Robards was the Moderator.

Those who had belonged to the "First Congregational Society in Dexter" requested transfer of their records on October 16, 1833.

On February 8, 1834 the name of the Society was changed to the "First Congregational Presbyterian Society of Webster".

The Reverend Mr. Charles G. Clark was the first and only minister for a period of nearly nine years.

The records are found at Bentley Library with copies at the Webster Township Historical Society and portions at the GSWC.

Name	When Rec'd	How Rec'd	Remarks
1. Jacob Doremus	Jan 27, 1834	New church	Died 1848
2. Esther Doremus	"	formed with	Died Sept 18, 1844
3. James Doremus	"	42 members	Dism Sept 11, 1842
4. Rebecca Doremus	"		" " "
5. Maria Miller	"		" Dec 30, 1838
6. Esther Green	"		" June 14, 1840
7. Silas Gorton	"		" " "
8. Ann E. Gorton	"		" " "
9. George Robards	"		" " "
10. Temperance Robards	"		" " "
11. James Melvin Munro	"		" " "
12. Elizabeth M. Clark	"		" Apr 5, 1850
13. Cornelia Seymour	"		" March 15, 1846
14. Hannah B. Baker	"		Joined a Baptist Ch.
15. Daniel Dwight	"		Died Sept 14, 1836
16. Sarah Dwight	"		" Jan 1, 1845
17. William B. Allen	"		Dism Aug 16, 1834
18. Deborah Kimberly	"		Died Mar 10, 1871
19. Conrad Epley	"		Dism Mar 14, 1835
20. Ann Epley	"		" " "
21. Theodocia Boyden	"		Died Sept 11, 1863
22. Thomas Barber	"		Dism Oct 23, 1886
23. Elizabeth Barber	"		" " "
24. James Barber	"		" " "
25. Lucy Sears	"		Died Jan 22, 1875
26. Mary Goodnoe	"		Dism Apr 12, 1874
27. Aurelia Goodnoe	"		" " "
28. Elisha Cranson	"		Died Aug 23, 1855
29. Abigail Cranson	"		" Apr 19, 1856
30. Moses Kingsley	"		Dism Jan 1, 1837
31. Hannah Kingsley	"		" " "
32. Nancy Howell	"		Died March 1851
33. Elisha Howell	"		" Nov 1, 1837
34. Jane Butler	"		" Aug 14, 1841
35. Lydia Williams	"		" Sept 1843
36. Jeremiah Williams	"		- - -

Name	When Rec'd	How Rec'd	Remarks
37. Orpha Eames	Jan 27, 1834	New Church	Dism Jan 3, 1835
38. Munnis Kenny	"		Died Apr 23, 1863
39. Elisa Kenny	"		" Jan 4, 1839
40. Jacob Blanden	"		Dism May 16, 1858
41. Chloe E. Blanden	"		" " "
42. Clarissa Cooley	"		Died Dec 22, 1835
43. Ruth P. Morgan	"		
44. Moses N. Boynton	"	Letter	Died June 22, 1840
45. Elizabeth H. Monger	May 3 "	"	Dism Jan 3, 1836
46. Julia Ann Epley	May 10 "	Examination	Dism Mar 14, 1835
47. Charles Kellogg	July 6 "	Letter	Dism Aug 27, 1837
48. Hannah Kellogg	"	"	" " "
49. Lucena Truesdell	"	"	" Oct 25, 1835
50. George Tubbs	? 28 "	"	Died Sept 7, 1854
51. Sophronia Tubbs	"	"	" May 13, 1855
52. Olive Arms	" 31 "	"	Dism Feb 22, 1857
53. Cyrus Loomis	July 4 1835	"	Susp May 20, 1857
54. Fannie Loomis	"	"	Died Aug 14, 1840
55. Phillip H. Reeve	"	"	" Jan 8, 1876
56. Mary Reeve	"	"	" Aug 8, 1836
57. Patty Kenny	"	Examination	" Feb 2, 1886
58. Margaret A. Schoonmaker	Aug 2 "	Letter	Dism Apr 12, 1838
59. Austin Saunderson	Dec 29 "	"	" Oct 29, 1843
60. Charlotte P. Farnsworth	May 8, 1836	Profession	" May 23, 1838
61. Hiram Read	July 3, 1836	"	Susp 1852
62. Martin Read	"	"	Drop Apr 23, 1881
63. Sally Williams	"	"	Died Mar 30, 1846
64. Jerusha Cooley	"	"	" Dec 16, 1893
65. Henry Montague	"	"	Dism Jan 1, 1837
66. Sally Cooley	"	Letter	" Feb 11, 1884
67. Lucy Dibble	Jan 1, 1837	Letter	Died
68. Luke W. Blodgett	"	"	" Apr 21, 1879
69. Mary Blodgett	"	"	" Sept 30, 1877
70. Abba Montague	"	"	Dism Jan 1, 1837
71. Mary Allen	"	Profession	" Aug 20, 1837
72. Theodore Foster	"	"	Susp "
73. Luther Boyden	May 7 "	"	Died Jan 9, 1872
74. Steven Kimberly	" "	"	" Jan 12, 1868
75. John Miller	" "		Dism Dec 30, 1838
76. Benjamin Read	" "	"	Excom Aug 11, 1841
77. Elisha Cranson Jr.	" "	"	Dism Dec 30, 1842
78. Orlando C. Loomis	" "	"	Susp May 20, 1857
79. Jonah Fuller Jr.	" "	"	Dism Mar 31, 1873
80. Peter Sears Jr.	" "	"	Drop Dec 31, 1881
81. Samuel D. Sears	" "	"	Dism July 17, 1853
82. Herman Williams	" "	"	Drop Mar 22, 1884
83. George Cooley	" "	"	Dism Feb 11, 1844
84. Charles Williams	" "	"	Susp May 20, 1857
85. John Kirk	" "	"	Died May 1, 1846
86. Lois Fuller	" "	"	Dism Aug 8, 1841
87. Sarah Kirk	" "	"	Dism Sept 9, 1849
88. Sarah L. Bennett	" "	"	Dism Apr 1, 1842
89. Rebecca A. Williams	" "	"	Died Apr 9, 1857

Name	When Rec'd	How Rec'd	Remarks
90. Francis D. Foster	May 7 1837	Profession	Dism Oct 2, 1857
91. Urana S. Seymore	" "	"	Dism Oct 2, 1857
92. Eunice A. Boyden	" "	"	" Aug 9, 1846
93. Mary A. Dibble	" "	"	" May 28, 1843
94. Sarah B. Fuller	" "	"	" Aug 12, 1853
95. Abigail Cranson	" "	"	" Aug 14, 1853
96. Delilah Patterson	" "	"	Susp May 20, 1857
97. June Patterson	" "	"	" "
98. Delight Sears	" "	"	Died Oct 27, 1851
99. Sophia Cushing	" "	Letter	" July 22, 1882
100. Roxanna Fuller	May 7 "	Profession	Dism June 6, 1852
101. Mary A. Moe	July 2 "	"	" Feb 18, 1850
102. Rosamond Moe	Oct 1 "	"	" Dec 30, 1842
103. Norman C. Goodale	Jan 14 1838	Letter	Died July 8, 1869
104. Emeline Fuller	Apr 1 "	Profession	Drop Apr 23, 1881
105. Harriet Baker	July 1 "	"	Dism Apr 13, 1846
106. John Brocaw	" "	Letter	Died Dec 27, 1858
107. Phebe Brocaw	" "	"	" June 7, 1878
108. Rachel Brocaw	" "	"	Dism Oct 15, 1852
109. James Schenk	" "	"	" Sept 22, 1844
110. William Todd	" "	"	" Feb 11, 1844
111. Maria Todd	" "	"	" "
112. Elizabeth Waterman	" "	"	" June 14, 1840
113. Elizabeth Stevens	Oct 19 "	"	" Nov 1, 1840
114. Dennis S. Stevens	" "	"	" Jan 1, 1841
115. Anna Stevens	" "	"	" Nov 1, 1840
116. Solomon Sears	" "	Profession	Died Mar 16, 1895
117. Ira Seymour	Jan 6 1839	Letter	" Apr 1861
118. Betsy Seymour	" "	"	" Feb 19, 1844
119. Archibald T. TenEyck	" "	"	Dism 1848
120. Eliza TenEyck	" "	"	" "
121. John Morris TenEyck	" "	"	" Feb 11, 1844
122. Apamea Goodale	" "	"	Died July 27, 1846
123. Frederick P. Swett	Apr 7 "	Profession	Dism Nov 1, 1840
124. Peter Sears	" "	"	Died Jan 18, 1867
125. Zechariah Sear	" "	"	" June 3, 1842
126. William H. Redfield	" "	"	Dism Jan 1, 1841
127. George Sears	" "	"	Drop Dec 31, 1881
128. Henry Stevens	" "	Letter	Dism Jan 1, 1841
129. William Dye	" "	Profession	" Feb 14, 1841
130. Joseph Stevens Todd	May 19 "	"	" July 25, 1846
131. John A. Boyden	" "	"	
132. I. Hulet Williams	" "	"	" Feb 21, 1856
133. Simeon Clay	" "	"	Susp May 20, 1857
134. William P. Cleveland	" "	"	" " "
135. Lydia C. Goodale	" "	"	Dism May 22, 1842
136. Caroline Kimberly	" "	"	" Feb 11, 1844
137. Abigail Kimberly	" "	"	" May 22, 1842
138. Eliza Ann Stevens	" "	"	" Nov 1, 1840
139. Anne Cooley	" "	"	Died May 1859
140. Dexter Fuller	" "	"	Dism Apr 9, 1841
141. Edgar Williams	" "	"	Died

Name	When Rec'd		How Rec'd	Remarks
142. Frederick Kimberly	May 19	1839	Profession	Dism May 22, 1842
143. Silas Kimberly	"	"	"	" "
144. Charles Chester Cranson	"	"	"	Died
145. Esther Clark	Oct 27	"	Letter	" Feb 13, 1849
146. Norman Dwight	"	"	"	" June 3, 1888
147. Henry S. Stevens	"	"	"	Dism Jan 1, 1841
148. Elizabeth Speechly	Jan 5	1840	Profession	" May 23, 1841
149. Ruth B. Foster	Apr 5	1840	"	" Dec 21, 1860
150. Isaac Smith	"	"	Letter	Died Sept 15, 1840
151. Phebe Smith	"	"	"	Dism June 1, 1841
152. Earl Sidney Smith	"	"	"	" Dec 1851
153. Abby Smith	"	"	"	" "
154. Elias W. Hayes	July 5	"	Profession	Died Oct 25, 1841
155. Betsy Hayes	"	"	"	"
156. Benjamin Cooley(Culy)	"	"	"	Drop Apr 23, 1881
157. Elizabeth Glassbrook	"	"	"	Died June 22, 1841
158. Margaret H. Abbott	"	"	Letter	Dism Apr 1, 1842
159. Isaac B. Towner	July 4	1841	"	" Sept 11, 1842
160. Julia Ann Towner	"	"	"	" " "
161. Susan M.B. Spoor	"	"	"	" Feb 1, 1846
162. Nancy Lyon	March 31	1843	Letter	Died Apr 1, 1845
163. Esther Lyon	"	"	"	" 1851
164. William Latson	"	"	Profession	Dism Aug 14, 1859
165. Elizabeth Latson	Jan 7	1844	Letter	" " "
166. Reuben S. Haskell	Oct 27	"	"	" Sept 1, 1845
167. Mary L. Haskell	"	"	"	" " "
168. Martin L. Swett	"	"	"	
169. Submit Swett	"	"	"	Dism Nov 6, 1846
170. Betsy Bush	"	"	"	Died 1852
171. Ruth Smedley	Apr 7	1845	Profession	" Apr 23, 1849
172. Phebe Lew Brocaw	"	"	"	" May 29, 1890
173. Franklin Dwight	"	"	"	Dism Apr 5, 1850
174. Mary Dwight	July	"	Letter	Died June 21, 1853
175. Isaac D. Terry	July 7	"	Profession	" Oct 8, 1907
176. William Burnett	Apr 5	1846	"	" Oct 8, 1856
177. Helen A. Burnett	Apr	"	"	Dism June 25, 1863
178. Phebe Doremus	"	"	"	" Aug 1849
179. Harriett Newell Williams	Oct	"	"	" Mar 15, 1846
180. Jane S. Williams	Apr 1	1849	Letter	" Nov 29, 1857
181. Aurelia D. Boyden	July 1	"	Profession	" July 2, 1854
182. Susan H. Davidson	Jan 6	1850	Letter	Died May 31, 1850
183. Wm. R. Waldron	Jan	"	"	Dism Oct 29, 1883
184. Martha Waldron	"	"	"	" " "
185. Hannah A. Crane	"	"	"	" Sept 29, 1851
186. Thankful Barnes	Apr 5	"	"	" Mar 27, 1865
187. Elisha Cranson Jr.	"	"	"	Died Feb 9, 1892
188. Anna Malvina Goodale	Dec 30	"	Profession	Drop Mar 22, 1889
189. Marilla Tucker	July 13	1851	Letter	Dism Oct 7, 1852
190. Margaret Williams	"	"	Profession	" Oct 1, 1852
191. Electa Henry	"	"	Letter	Drop Apr 3, 1881
192. Minerva A. Boyden	Oct 26	"	Profession	Dism Dec 31, 1858
193. Ann A. Provost	"	"	"	" Dec 1851
194. Elizabeth P. Clark	Oct 1	1852	Letter	Died Oct 28, 1858

STATE OF MICHIGAN 1845 CENSUS FOR WEBSTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY

The original census of Washtenaw County is held in the MHC, Bentley Historical Library, Univeristy of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A. ALDRICH, Alva; ALEXANDER, Robert, Thomas; ALLEN, Norman; ALLEY, John; ALLSAVER*, Cornelius, Lawrence; APPLETON, Isaac; ARMS, Chester E., James B., Orramel.

B. BABCOCK, William; BALL, Amos, James Sr., James Jr., Samuel H.; BEECHER, Martin; BERRY, John; BLANDINE, Jacob; BLODGETT, Luke M.; BOSENBARK, John; BOYDEN, Luther; BOYLE, John; BRASS, Peter W.; BROOKS, Jefferson; BROWN, Benjamin F.(?), John G.; BUCKELEW, Austin; BUNKER, Thomas; BURNETT, Averill; BUSH, Henry.

C. CASE, David; CHAMBERLAIN, Benj. F., David G., Franklin; CHASE, David, Isaac; CLARK, Charles G., Robert; COFFEY, Abel; COGSWELL, Silas;COLE, Miran; COLEMAN, Dudley; COLLINS, Joseph, Samuel; CONDEN, Henry, James, Oney(?); CONKLIN, John; CORIGAN, John; COURTNEY, John; COYLE, Patrick; CRANSON, Elisha; CUSHING, Adam I.

D. DART, Elijah, Franklin; DAWSON, John; DeCAMP, Abram, Jacob; DEMING, David B; DEXTER, Samuel W.; DIBBLE, Barnabas K., ebenezer Sr., Ebenezer Jr.; DILLON, John, Michael; DIVINE, Michael; DUNN, James.

F. FAY, Waltimore; FITZGERALD, George; FITZGIBBON, Edwin; FORCE, Palmer; FULLER, Jeremiah.

G. GAERAGHTY, James; GALLIGHER, James (2); GLEASON, Ezra, Moses, William; GORTON, Rufus, Samuel; GREEN, Hosea.

H. HAIGHT, William; HANLY, William; HARMEN, Thomas; HASKELL, Reuben I.; HATCH, William E.; HOBART, Benjamin; HOBERN, Frank; HOLMES, John, Thomas; HOSKINS, John G.; HOUGHTON, Ezra; HOWARD, Michael; HUDSON, Charles, Jason, William.

J. JONES, Delos.

K. KEANAN, Patrick; KEARNEY, Michael, Thomas; KENNEDY, James; KIMLEY(KIMBERLY), Sturams; KINNEY(KENNY), John, Munnis; KNAUPP, George.

L. LAMPHER, Ashley A.; LATSON, William; LUTES, Henry.

M. McCOLL, Hugh; McDONNELL, Michael; MAHER, Dennis; MASON, Hiram; MERRILL, Winthrop; METCALF, John; MORGAN, David; MORSE, Lysander.

N. NANNERY, John, William; NEGUS, Joel; NICHOLS, Alpheus, Darwin, Francis.

O. O'BRIEN, John, Morgan, Thomas; O'KEIF, Jerod; OSBORN, William.

P. PARKS, Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr.; PETERSON, Benjamin; PLACE, Charles; PROBASCO, Peter; PRUDEN, Edmund.

Q. QUEAL, Henry M.

R. RANEY, Julius; REED, Benjamin, Hiram; REEVES, Philip, Sayre; ROGERS, Hamilton.

S. SCADIN, Henry, John Sr., John Jr.; SEACORD, George; SEARS, Peter Sr; SEELY, Henry; SEYMOUR, Chandler B., Ira, Isaac; SHERMAN, David; SILVER, Ephraim; SMITH, Daniel; SNYDER, Robert A.; SOPP(?), David, William; SPEECHLEY, George; STANTON, John; STARK, Charles, Hiram; STILLSON, William M.(2);

SULLIVAN, Patrick.

T. THOMAS, David, Nathan; THURBER, Caleb, James B., William; TWAMLEY, Henry.

V. VALENTINE, Alfred, Gilbert; VANDERHOOF, George; VANDERSIZE, John; VANRIPER, Garrett, Garrett C., John, Nicholas, Stephen.

W. WALPOLES, John; WARNER, Silas; WARREN, Ebenezer Sr, Ebenezer Jr.. John, Thomas; WESTON, Jacob; WHEELER, Tillotson; WHITMORE, Orrin; WIEGANT, James; WILBER, William; WILLIAMS, Charles, Edgar, Hulet, Jeremiah D., John(2), Norman, Peter, Spencer, Warner; WILLSEY, Abram; WING, Philander; WYMANS, George.

Y. YOCUM, Albert; YOUNGS, Jonas Sr., Jonas Jr, Lenas(?).

* ALLSAVER, later spelled OLSAVER

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Males Under 10..150; 10-21..138; 21-45..155; 45-75..49; over 75..2.Total..494

Females " 145 " 123 " 142 " 45 " 0 " 455

1 colored male; total white persons 949
206 white males over 21.

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Lima Township, Corrections and Additions

Please make the following corrections and additions to Family History Capers, Volume 5: 2, October, 1981.

The name of the interurban through Lima Center was the "Hawks-Angus" line, page 35.

Two large cemeteries in Lima Township were omitted from our cemetery list, page 40. In the village of Chelsea, Section 7, is Oak Grove, a corporation owned public cemetery and next to it is Mt. Olivet, a Catholic cemetery. Inscriptions for both of these may be found at McKune Memorial Library and at Burton Library. Additional information on Oak Grove may be found in Chapman, page 763 and in James, pages 105-111.

Lima Center Cemetery is in the south west quarter of Section 15 , not the south east, page 43.

In the 1845 census, page 41, please insert the following line after the line ending "Cook" and before the line starting"Monville":
WmH.: COOPER, Albert M., Elbridge, Elijah, Evander, Irwin, Laurentius, Lucius,
Page 45- Sarah Comstock Freer was the 2nd wife of Jonas Freer Jr, not Sr.
Page 46- Change "Groton" to"Gorton". On the same page, John Harford was born in Steuben Co., NY.
Page 47. Please add these names to the cemetery inscriptions:
Vandermark, Abraham d 3 Nov. 1861 ae 58.8.19
Vandermark, Abram N. son d 8 Sept 1863 ae 11.0.22

Please change Terry Powell to Tony Powell, page 48.
Calvin Winslow died 17 Sept 1848, not 1846, page 50.
There is no marker for Thusnelda (Nordman) Sayre, page 51.
Please add Henry Nordman to the 1844 tax list on page 42.

Thank you.

SCADIN FAMILY CEMETERY

Located in Section 26 Webster Township on the north east corner of Farrell and Webster Church Roads, directly across from the Church on property once owned by William Scadin, the property is now owned by the Webster Church and maintained by the Webster Church Cemetery Association.

Scadin	Bertha M.	1863-Jan 1886 (dau of W.H.& S.J.Twomly)
	Charlotte Ann Scadin-Spoor	1832-1908 Mrs. C. Williams
	Edith L	1872-1874 (dau of W.H.& S.J.T.Scadin)
	Eliza S.	1828-1847 Sister of W.H.
	Eliza S.	1813-1837 Wife of John G.
	Helen Scadin Trites	1854-1880
	Henry G.	1794-1849
	Johnie H.	Aug 14, 1885- March, 1886 Son of Henry& Kate Scadin
	John S.	1865-1882,Feb. (No stone) (son of W.H.)
	John S.	1826-1856
	John Stowell	1869-1882 Brother of Will, Jr.
	Kate Queal	April 1, 1861-1937, wife of Hanry Scadin of Chelsea, b Sept 18, 1861 d May 9, 1923 2 sons
	Lewis H.	1822-1832
	Lucy D. Stowell	1798-1873 (wife of Henry G.)
	Millicent McColl	1869-1944, June 2. wife of W.R.Scadin, Jr.
	M.	1767-1844
	R.	1762-1840
	R. Henry (Russell)	1861-1923 (son of W.H.& Susan J. Twomly)
	Robert Bruce	1832-1896 GAR
	Una	1867-1880 Dau of Henry & Kate S.
Alexander	Vida Dell	1877-1902, March 5. wife of George Alexander
Scadin	Will Ray, Jr.	1875-1966 (son of W.H. & S.J. Twomly Scadin)
	William H. Sr.	1836-1902 (b Oct 12, Wash. Co., son of Henry)
Stowell	Stephen	1775-1851
	Nancy	1774-1851, March

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JOHN WILLIAMS CEMETERY

This very small private cemetery is located exactly ½ mile west of Webster Corner on Farrell Road. The plot is on a hill, south of the road, on a farm now owned by W. Tupper. Access is permitted by climbing steps up the hillside and walking a short distance south to the small fenced enclosure. The 3 grave stones are in excellent condition. Section 27, Webster.

"John Williams born Orange Co. N.Y. July 7, 1782 married Lydia Hughlitt June 18, 1801. Moved to Cayuga Co. N.Y. 1807. Removed to Webster Michigan April 8, 1828. Located Sec. 27 on which he made his home. The first town meeting was held at his house and he was elected supervisor. He died in one of the fields on this farm." August 5, 1843, aged 61 yrs., 29 days.

" Lydia Hughlitt wife of John Williams born in Orange Co., New York Sept. 28, 1777 died Sept. 17, 1849."

"Jane Williams Butler mother of John Williams lies buried here." She died August 14, 1841.

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The Society welcomes these new and renewed members.

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QUERIES

BARRETT HOAGLAND DICKINSON NANCE SHAY/SHEAY MATHEWSON	Marion Audrey Barrett b 20 Sep 1917 AA dtr of Richard Barrett Jr. b 1 Jan 1873/80 PA d 14 Jan 1931 Los Angeles mar Marion "May" Hoagland. To CA ca 1922. Mary (Shay) Hoaglan b 13 Feb 1847 Franklin, Lenawee Co MI dtr of Wm. & Elizabeth C. (Mathewson) Sheay: d 25 Jan 1930 CA, bur Birch Run MI. Need background on Richard Barrett Jr., resident of Flint MI when Marion Audrey was born. Mrs. Jeanne M. (Nance) Dickinson 22151 S. Ferguson Rd., Beavercreek, OR 97004
DAVIS ROSS	Interested in Alexander, Matilda, and Ira Davis of Superior Twp from 1860 on. Mrs. G.G.Ross Box 296 Melrose, Florida 32666
MILLER ROGERS	James Miller b 1800 Herkimer Co NY d 2 Jul 1885 m Sally Rogers. Appar. 1st settler of Stoney Creek, Augusta Twp. Sally d 20 Dec 1868, Augusta. Would like info on James Gardner Miller grad UM Law School 1876. Gordon R. Miller 1737 W. 95th Pl. Chicago IL 60643 GSWC memb.
LeSUER ELA ERWIN	Nathan LeSuer d 26 Aug 1857 Green Oak, Livingston Co., at home of dtr, Abigail Ela, wife of Isaac Ela. All are bur at Fairview Cem AA. Would like any info re LeSuer family incl ch of Nathan: Asa, Harrison, Erastus, Abigail, and David. David and Erastus were born Amherst, Niagara Co (Now Erie Co) NY; According to 1850 census and obit, Nathan was born ca 1776 in VT or MASS. Mrs. B.L.Erwin 710 So. Pine St. Caledonia MN 55921
BOGARDUS BOYDEN PREVOST ANTHONY	Mary Ann Boyden b Lynn, Mass 17 Jul 1812, to MI as child mar FrancisJames Prevost at AA 27 Mar 1828. They are in 1840 & 1850 censuses of Burns Twp Shiawassee Co MI.Later to CA. Mary Ann d 1891 at Sonora,CA. She was gggm of Ms Anthony, who is also a Bogardus descendent. Would like any info on this family in Washtenaw Co; already has much info on Prevosts which she has offered to share with GSWC library. Ms. Maggy Anthony 700 East Peckham Lane, Apt 258 Reno Nev 89502
HEGGIE/HIGGINS MAYNARD	Robert H. Heggie b ca 1804 probably in NC; mar Bathsheba b ca 1806 VT; in Bridgewater MI by 1834. Ch: Mary S. mar ___ Maynard 1868 in Clinton MI; T. Holden m 1879 Wash Co; John H.; Eliza M.; Asarah. Some related Heggies in Potter Co PA. Proctor W. Maynard 1411 N. State St. Big Rapids MI 49307
BENNETT BRITTEN HAND	Richard Britten of Ovid, Seneca Co NY to Washtenaw Co and Hillsdale Co MI b ca 1791 d 1845 at Hillsdale, spouse Abigail Hand. Need namesof children. Willsend SASE or stamp or small fee. Colleen Bennett P.O.Box 2866, 6111 NE 70th St. Vancouver WA 98668

ALBER
FINKBEINER
SCHAIBLE
MACK

Gggpar Michael and Margarette Alber & 4 ch left Leinfelden, Germ May 25, 1847. Settled in Bridgewater area. Par and one son, Michael d 30 Jul 1849. Need info re two of the other ch: Regina and Friedrich. Also interested in gpar John George and Katherine(Schaible) Finkbeiner mar 19 Apr 1881 in Saline.

Jane Finkbeiner Mack (Mrs. Lawrence R.) 5824 Trailridge Dr.,
Austin, Texas 78731

WOOLSEY/WOLSEY
WATERS/WATTERS
JOHNSON
SHIPLEY

Research Comm has had a telephone inquiry from Jennie Spragg in Ypsilanti who is about to publish a family history of Woolseys and Shipleys in Washtenaw Co. She is puzzled over their relationship to Virtue Johnson Waters who died 22 Jan 1916 in Ypsilanti and seems to have been a Woolsey either by birth or marriage. Anyone knowing anything about this family please contact Res. Comm., c/o Ruth Whitaker, 2360 Londonderry, AA 48104

OBERSCHMIDT
OVERSMITH

Looking for descendants of the following: 1) Oberschmidt, Herman mar Jane Quirk Saline Twp 23 Feb 1851 d Manchester 1911. Ch: Herman, Jr., George, Lafayette, Ord(?), Henrietta mar Fred Filber , and Oliver. 2) Oberschmidt, Christian mar Mary? lvd, died Sharon Twp 1897 age 81. Ch: Mary, Joseph, Caspar, Franklyn, Sylvester. 3) Oberschmidt, Ernest Henry. Lived Scio Twp mar Christina? d 1894 age 80. Bur Zion Ch Cem Ann Arbor. Ch: Caspar, Catherine, Emanuel, Samuel, August, Elizabeth.

Mrs. Ragene Rowland 2432 Kenilworth Rd. Apt #5, Cleveland
Heights OH 44106 GSWC member

CLAWSON
EASTON
HUFF
REYNOLDS
WOOLSEY
SIAS

Josiah Easton (1767-1845) died Fayette NY "Said" to have had 20 children. Ten resided in SE Michigan: Canton, VanBuren, Sumpter, Superior, Ypsilanti, Bridgewater Twps. Married daughters names were: Rachel Huff, Sarah Reynolds, Susannah Clawson, Elizabeth Woolsey. Need maiden names his wives (probably). Elizabeth and________. Need birth, marriage death dates as wellas info on descendants.

HAAS
RENNER
SIAS

Mrs. Anna Maria (Renner)Haas b 4 May 1813 mar 1846 Daniel Chrisoph Haas. Immigrated to Ann Arbor April 1857 from Echterdingen, near Stuttgart, Germany. Did she have relatives in or nearby Ann Arbor?

Would like to exchange info on residents of Lima Twp, Washtenaw County and neighboring towns to 1900.

Mrs. Margaret Sias 650 S. Steinback Rd. Chelsea,MI 48118
GSWC member

CHAPMAN ERRORS
PREVOST
CLELAND

Chapman, History of Washtenaw County, page 587, lists the marriage of Francis James Prevost to Mary Ann Boyden incorrectly as Puroc, F.I. This same list of marriages lists Cleland as Leland. If you find other errors in Chapman; please let the Society know of them. Thank you.